

SGT Ken McCooey



**Members of the 10th Mountain Division's ski team carry American flags downhill as part of the sixth annual Hannes Schneider Meister Cup's opening ceremony.**

## Fort Drum, N.Y.

### 10th Mountain Div. Honors "Skimeister"

CURRENT members and World War II veterans of the 10th Mountain Division met earlier this year at Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway, N.H., to honor the Army's "skimeister," Hannes Schneider. In 1938 he gave division soldiers ski lessons in anticipation of mountain warfare in Europe.

Soldiers of the 10th Mtn. Div. have participated in the annual Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race for the past six years, said Richard M. Wilson, a WWII veteran of the division's 85th Infantry Regiment and current member of its national association.

"Schnieder's 'Arlberg Technique' was the basis for all wartime ski training of 10th Mtn. Div. troops at Camp Hale, Colo.," he said. "This technique has now been modified for use

in today's military ski programs."

The annual cup race is a competitive, dual-salom alpine event. This year, 10th Mtn. Div. soldiers placed 18th out of 33 teams.

"I'm already looking forward to participating in next year's event," said SGT Derek Wilkins, captain of the division's five-person team and a member of Headquarters and HQs. Company, 10th Aviation Brigade. "We all had a great time, and the WWII veterans were thrilled to have us here. They're the ones who make this event truly special."

"This event is all about friendship," said 87-year-old Nelson A. Bennett, a retired sergeant first class from the division's 87th Inf. Regt. "It also gives us veterans the chance to meet the soldiers who carry today's division colors. It's nice to see that these young soldiers love skiing as much as we veterans do."

MG David C. Meade (Ret.),

the division's commander from 1993 to 1995, said the division owes a lot to the veterans who founded the division and fought bravely in WWII, some of whom were present on the mountain slopes.

"It's an honor to be a part of this great event," Meade said. "The great men of the division's past laid the foundation, and today's soldiers will continue upholding the great division legacy." — SGT Kenneth L. McCooey, 10th Mountain Division Public Affairs Office

## Fort Lee, Va.

### Army Enters NASCAR

THE white, gold-edged star symbolic of the "Army of One" recruiting campaign can now be seen on the NASCAR racing circuit thanks to a partnership between the Army and Engineered Machined Products.

"Racing in many ways captures the essence of the 'Army of One' campaign," said MG Terry E. Juskowiak, commander of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center at Fort Lee, Va. "NASCAR drivers are one part of a team. And it's the synergistic effects of the team that achieve success and win on the race track."

He said NASCAR is one of this country's largest spectator sports, and the team's markings will therefore provide a lot of visibility for the Army.

Brian Vickers, the 18-year-old "Army of One" car driver, said he's proud to have the Army's star leading him under the checkered flag.

During a recent race in Richmond, Va., Fort Lee soldiers met with Vickers in the maintenance pit before the race.

"Vickers is a great example of today's youth," said CSM Bradley Peat, Fort Lee's quartermaster regimental sergeant major. "He's motivated to succeed, committed to his future and goal oriented."



**Brian Vickers enters his "Army of One" car as SSG Richard Petersen, SGT Michael Peele and SPC Aaron Miller look on.**

He is also focused on his education. I'm proud to have him representing the Army."

"I'm glad the Army joined the NASCAR family," Vickers said. "With the troops supporting me, the Army's star is sure to blaze a trail in NASCAR." — *SPC Jamie Carson, Fort Lee PAO*

## Fort Hood, Texas

### Texas Troops Practice Medevac

MOTIVATED to prevent a tragedy like the one depicted in the recent Hollywood film "Black Hawk Down," Fort Hood aviators and cavalry elements recently honed their skills in extracting soldiers from hostile situations in urban areas.

"'Black Hawk Down' inspired me," said MAJ Robert Mitchell, commander of the 507th Medical Company. "The scenes of wounded soldiers stuck on rooftops and in between buildings without the possibility of evacuation just stuck in my mind."

"In the movie, the task force commander wouldn't launch a medevac based on the situation he faced," Mitchell said. "I want my commander to have the option. We want to get our soldiers out, even when there's no landing zone."

Using a three-story building inside the post's urban combat site, Mitchell teamed up with CPT Luis Fuchu, commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, to recreate the October 1993 scene in Mogadishu, Somalia.

"This was some of the most realistic training I've had since I've been in the Army," said Fuchu, who lost a cousin in Mogadishu. "This exercise built up our confidence."

Under smoke and simulated machine-gun fire, one of

Mitchell's Black Hawk helicopters was airborne en route to "rescue" a "wounded" cavalry soldier.

It only took the crew a little over one minute to remove the simulated casualty.

"These guys are good," Fuchu said. "Knowing my guy was out of danger allowed me to continue with the battle."

Mitchell anticipates future combined-arms training exercises with the cavalry regiment.

"We will continue training together to save lives," he said. "We must be ready to face any situation in war and assure our commander that he can count on us if he needs a soldier rescued." — *SSG Dale Terry, 13th Corps Support Command PAO*

## Livorno, Italy

### Army Aids Palestinian Refugees

AS Secretary of State Colin Powell was promising humanitarian aid to Palestinians living in war-damaged West Bank refugee camps, workers at the Army's Combat Equipment Battalion in Livorno were already piling goods onto pallets.

Appearing on Fox News, Powell said the United States was authorizing the immediate shipment of approximately 800 family-size tents to help those who lost their homes in Jenin,

and enough water-purification equipment to take care of 10,000 people.

Making good on Powell's promise, CEB-LI workers headed out the Leghorn Army Depot gate with four truckloads of relief supplies bound for Pisa Airport, en route to Israel.

Alberto Chidini, CEB-LI's operations officer, said he received a call from the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance alerting the battalion to an urgent mission.

The next morning, before the rest of the world knew help was on the way, CEB-LI warehouse workers were pulling 800 tents, 1,600 five-gallon water jugs, 1,600 hygiene kits and a water-treatment unit out of storage and preparing the goods for air shipment.

"CEB-LI stores, maintains and ships OFDA humanitarian

supplies under an interagency agreement," said LTC John D. Lynch, CEB-LI commander. "It's a natural partnership. We are experts in prepositioned-materiel management, and OFDA needs the ability to react rapidly to crises."

Chidini said this was not the first time CEB-LI workers have spent their weekend helping people in dire straits. In the past few months they've sent relief supplies to Algerian flood victims and Afghan refugee camps.

"America's strength has many dimensions," said Lynch. "Here at CEB-LI, we provide combat-ready equipment for the Army's global power-projection mission — and we deliver humanitarian-relief supplies." — *Chuck Fick, Combat Equipment Group, Europe, PAO*



**Soldiers from the 5th Cavalry Regiment provide security as a UH-60 medevac helicopter comes in to remove a simulated casualty during the training at Fort Hood.**



**CEB-LI workers complete shipping documents for equipment destined for Palestinian refugee camps.**